

(2) Shall verify that subscribers meet the eligibility criteria set out in § 36.711(b) or (c) provided that:

(i) Verification of subscriber eligibility by designated State officials may be substituted for verification by the telephone company;

(ii) If the eligibility criterion in § 36.711(b)(1) is verified, then the criteria in § 36.711(c) shall not apply;

(iii) If the eligibility criterion in § 36.711(b)(1) is self-certified, then the eligibility criteria in § 36.711(c)(1) and (c)(2) shall apply and must be verified;

(iv) In all cases, the eligibility criterion in § 36.711(b)(2) may be self-certified.

(3) Shall file information with the Commission Secretary demonstrating that it is eligible for the additional interstate expense adjustment.

(4) Shall file information with the Commission Secretary demonstrating that it is eligible for the additional interstate expense adjustment.

(b) The additional interstate expense adjustment shall be effective as soon as the Commission certifies that the State or local telephone company is eligible for the additional interstate expense adjustment, the local exchange company files the data required by § 36.731 with the National Exchange Carrier Association, and the relevant tariff provisions become effective.

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DATA COLLECTION

§ 36.731 Submission of information to the National Exchange Carrier Association.

(a) In order to allow calculation of the lifeline expense adjustment each local telephone company wishing to receive the additional interstate expense allocation provided for in this subpart shall provide the National Exchange Carrier Association established pursuant to Part 69 of the Commission's rules with the information listed below for each of its study areas. The information for the succeeding calendar year is to be filed with the Association on June 30th of each year after certification of the plan by the Commission pursuant to § 36.721(b). The information filed on June 30th of each year will be

used in the jurisdictional allocations underlying the cost support data for the access tariffs to be filed the following October.

(1) An estimate of the number of eligible households which will receive the lifeline assistance described in § 36.711(a)(1) pursuant to a lifeline assistance program which has received Commission certification.

(2) An estimate of the average discount on service commencement charges to be provided to each subscriber, not to exceed 50 percent of the charges for commencement of the same service applicable to non-lifeline customers or \$30.00, whichever is less;

(3) An estimate of the number of eligible subscribers which will receive the lifeline assistance described in § 36.711(a)(2).

(4) An estimate of the average deferred interest cost for each subscriber, *Provided That*:

(i) The deferred amount on which the cost of interest shall be calculated is not to exceed \$200.00; and

(ii) Interest shall be applied only to amounts actually outstanding, at the rate for 10-year Treasury Bills on January 1 of each year, with the interest rate adjusted only with each filing.

(b) In the event that this additional interstate expense allocation is to be in effect for a given study area for less than a full calendar year, the carrier is to submit the information described in § 36.731(a) (1) through (4) adjusted to reflect the number of subscribers and the relevant costs for the portion of the year during which this expense adjustment will be in effect as part of its § 36.721(a)(4) submission to the Commission. These data shall be filed with NECA at the same time they are filed with the Commission.

CALCULATION OF LIFELINE CONNECTION ASSISTANCE EXPENSE ADJUSTMENT

§ 36.741 Expense adjustment.

(a) The additional interstate expense allocation shall be calculated by adding the following:

(1) The number of households provided pursuant to § 36.731(a)(1) times the dollar amount provided pursuant to § 36.731(a)(2); and